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Kansas Wing Searches for Snow Storm Victims

Kansas Wing flew disaster relief sorties after heavy snow socked in western Kansas at the beginning of January.

The storms, which made national news in Colorado, also left up to 32 inches of snow in parts of western Kansas with drifts that were 15 feet high in places. Kansas governor Kathleen Sebelius declared a disaster for 44 of Kansas' 105 counties.

"We've had numerous sightings of houses that look occupied, but no snow plows or anything has been there," CAP Col. Tim Hansen told the Salinas Journal newspaper. "There were several herds of cattle out in the middle of nowhere with nothing but snow to eat."

CAP also followed Interstate 70, checking for stranded motorists and made plans to take Governor Sebelius on an aerial tour of the area.

Information from CAP aircraft was relayed to the state's emergency operations center in Topeka, where representatives of emergency services agencies were gathered to manage response to the storms. The EOC was able to relay the CAP information, including exact coordinates, to state troopers who located the storm victims using global-positioning satellite technology.

"This has been a snowstorm that's pretty well unprecedented in this state," Hansen told the newspaper. "The last few years, especially since 9-11, people are realizing that we need to communicate together and work as a team instead of working as a bunch of individual entities."

"It's a learning experience for everybody. That's why we have an emergency operations center in Topeka where everyone is sitting in one room and they can pass information back and forth."

Pabon to Mentor Wing, Unit PAOs

Capt Al Pabon of Minnesota Wing has been appointed as Deputy Public Affairs Officer for North Central Region.

Capt Pabon will be responsible for training and working with the PAOs in the region. His emphasis will be on delivering online training programs as well as reaching out directly to PAOs and commanders at all levels to insure they are trained and have the tools for success.

"Telling the CAP story is supremely important to recruiting, retention, and community support," said region PAO, LtCol. Mike Marek. "As Minnesota Wing PAO, Al has developed a strong program of support and mentoring for his group and unit PAOs. He is the ideal resource person for PAOs across the region. Both for experienced Public Affairs Officers and for those working to develop their abilities, Al will be an outstanding partner."

Pabon brings a lot of experience to this position with five years of service as the Minnesota Wing's PAO and Recruiting/Retention Officer. He will be continuing in these roles for Minnesota Wing.

"My focus is providing tools and ideas to my colleagues," said Pabon. "Many PAOs come into the job because they were 'voluntold' to do it or because no one else would do it."

"Every PAO deserves the best possible support. Too many times a PAO is alone and has no one to get advice or tips from. In other words they don't have a mentor or a guide. That's what we will do. Be guides, mentors and friends to the PAOs of our region," said Pabon.



Gen. Tony Pineda presents Capt. Pabon the PAO of the Year award at 2006 National Board.

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South Dakota Says Goodbye to Lt.Col. Clayton Zeibarth

Longtime South Dakota Wing member Clayton Zeibarth, died December 21 at age 83.

Zeibarth was an active mission pilot and served for many years as maintenance officer for South Dakota wing.

"Clayton was a colorful and lovable guy," said Col. Mary Donley. "My first memory of him was at a wing conference holding a bent propeller--and thinking 'I don't think I'll ever fly with him!' but I did. For those who knew Clayton he will never be forgotten."



Zeibarth graduated from high school in Sioux Falls in 1942 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later worked for Northern States Power for 33 years as a safety supervisor.

In his will, Zeibarth asked that his ashes be scattered from the air, possibly from a CAP aircraft, if proper permission can be obtained.

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"Commander's Call" by Col. Sean P. Fagan

As I'm sure many of you are aware, I am a Police Officer in the St. Louis Area. Today, as I was working, I was forced to make some very difficult decisions, which affected the lives of others. As this was happening, the only thing that I could think of was how I would not have been forced to make these decisions if there would have been more integrity involved in the situation.

What do I mean when I say "integrity"? Integrity is defined as "A code of values" or "Incorruptibility". Personally, I think of integrity as always trying to doing the right thing even though no one knows what your doing.

As members of the Civil Air Patrol, we need to remember that our actions can have a lasting effect on the others around us. Officers who are charged with the responsibility of Junior Officers and all of us who have the responsibility of mentoring Cadets must always conduct our selves with the highest level of integrity. This is the type of image that we should always try to put forward in our rolls as Civil Air Patrol Officers.



From the NCLR Commander...

What a speedy year. A lot has happened over the last twelve months and I'm sure there will be a lot more to come. With all that is going on in the world it's sometimes easy to forget about taking care of what needs to be done on the home front too.

Thanks to you and your wing for giving your time and energy to serve our country and mentor the future leaders of our nation. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

Michael S. Pederson, Lt Col, USAF
CAP-USAF/NCLR, Commander

Correction...

In the December 2006 story about Captain Ryan Brovold assuming command of Northstar Cadet Squadron of the Minnesota Wing, we inadvertently used Captain Brovard's first name in the headline, not his last name. We apologize for the error.



Application Deadline Nears for Minnesota Wing Flight Academy

January 31 is the deadline for applications from cadets wishing to participate in the Minnesota Wing Flight Academy. The annual event will be held Friday, July 13 through Saturday July 21, 2007 with flight operations at the Mankato, MN, airport and lodging at Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, MN.

The flight academy provides flight training in powered aircraft (Cessna 172) and gliders (Blanik L-23) with emphasis on skills to fly the aircraft on a supervised solo. A high percentage of students achieve their solo flight at the flight academy. The glider program is for cadets age 14 years and older and the powered program is for cadets 16 years and older. All cadets attending must have attended at least one regular CAP encampment. The cost is approximately \$925.

Application information can be found at:

www.mncap.org/cp/flightacademy

Gaming for CAP Fund Raising Prohibited

The National Executive Committee (NEC) has prohibited use of gambling or gaming as a fund raising activity for Civil Air Patrol.

The policy letter, written by national commander Gen. Tony Pineda, says the policy is necessary to address growing concerns about tax liability and the cost of oversight.

Under the policy, only raffles and ticket sale drawings, where allowed by local law, remain permissible. In addition, members serving in positions of control in CAP may not concurrently fill leadership roles in "booster" organizations.

The policy provides additional guidance in the permissible role of booster clubs and on the nature of support CAP units may provide to such booster organizations.

The policy letter does not appear on the National HQ website but copies were sent to all wing commanders, who must approve fund raising plans.

Neither snow nor sleet....

Members of the ground team from Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron, South Dakota Wing, prepare to head for home after a ground team only REDCAP search in the freezing rain December 29th.

The ELT appeared and disappeared several times, as detected by satellites, and the mission was canceled when the signal failed to return.

Pictured (L to R) are ground team leader Lt.Col. Richard Beringer, C/SSgt Phil Jared, C/AIC Jesse Bicknell, C/AIC Ben Jared, and 1LT Edison Jared.

C/SSgt Jared was home on recruiting duty from the United States Marine Corps where he just finished boot camp and is waiting to go to advanced training.



Offutt Cadet Earns Mitchell Award

Cadet Second Lieutenant David M. Pingleton, of the General Curtis E. LeMay Offutt Composite Squadron, recently pinned on his current rank after earning the Billy Mitchell Award.

Cadet 2Lt Pingleton, a member of Civil Air Patrol since October 2004, is a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is enrolled in the ROTC program and is seeking to be commissioned as an Air Force 2Lt and qualify as a pilot.

"It's been a long road," Pingleton said about his promotion, "and I've learned a lot through the NCO phase of Civil Air Patrol. I plan to utilize what I've learned about being a leader and I also plan to help other cadets achieve what I have."

He was a past squadron cadet of the year winner and this past year won the emergency services cadet of the year award. His emergency services qualifications include flight line supervisor, mission scanner, mission radio operator, and ground team member.

Cadet 2Lt Pingleton was the squadron color guard team commander for the 2005-2006 seasons. His team won the 2005 Nebraska Wing color guard competition and came in second place at the 2006 North Central Region competition.



Thunderbirds to Appear Twice in NCR in 2007

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, will present two airshows in North Central Region during 2007.

According to the 2007 schedule, announced recently, the Thunderbirds will appear June 2-3 at Davenport, IA and September 8 at Minot AFB, ND.

Maj. Nicole Malachowski, Thunderbird Number 3, remains on the team in 2007. Malachowski is a former CAP cadet and the first female member of the Thunderbirds.

Iowa Supports Multi-Agency Drill

Two twelve year old girls are missing, the parents are worried, and it is getting dark out. What do you do? That's what agencies from across Story County Iowa met recently to test, with CAP joining in.

Searchers combed parks and public areas of Ames on the Friday evening and Saturday of the exercise, looking for clues to locate the missing girls. One was found Friday evening and the other was located Saturday.

CAP aircrews were put to the test with the small, urban search. Crews learned how tough it is to try to locate a missing person or vehicle in such a small area and how critical slow flight and communication is.



2Lt. Bill Johnson briefs an aircrew during the exercise.



Lt. Gov. Sheehy (seated), Maj. Gen. Lempke and Col. Rooney pay close attention to the ARCHER imaging presentation.

MNWG Gippssland Crew Demonstrates ARCHER System to Nebraska Officials

A Minnesota Wing-piloted Gippssland aircraft containing the ARCHER search and rescue system was recently showcased to state government officials in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Nebraska Wing Commander Col. Robert Todd, arranged the visit for Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy and Adjutant General Roger P. Lempke of the Nebraska National Guard, who commands the state military forces and also directs the Nebraska emergency management agency.

Following the presentation, Lt. Gov. Sheehy and Maj. Gen. Lempke were taken on an orientation flight in the Gippssland recording images on the ARCHER system as they flew over the state capitol building and Nebraska Memorial (Husker) Stadium. The Minnesota aircrew included Maj. Alan Matson, mission pilot, Capt. Dan Jorgenson, co-pilot/observer, along with Capt. Nash Pherson and Capt. Dalen Kruse as the ARCHER system operators.



Northstar Cadets Soar

For 22 members of the Northstar Cadet Squadron of the Minnesota Civil Air Patrol, Saturday, December 16 began early with a trek from St. Cloud to St. Paul for an exciting ride in a Minnesota Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter, an experience which one compared to being in “a rollercoaster without a track.” Northstar Squadron members said the Blackhawk experience was a fun, formative one.

The Blackhawk is a utility tactical transport helicopter that can carry an entire 11-person, fully equipped infantry squad.



CAP Assists in South Dakota Governor's Inauguration

The color guard from Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, Custer, SD, performed during inauguration ceremonies for South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds. The CAP color guard's role came at the conclusion of the inaugural ceremony when it retrieved the colors which had previously been posted by the South Dakota National Guard. The Crazy Horse Composite Squadron color guard won the South Dakota wing color guard competition and is preparing for the region competition.

Governor Rounds is a former Civil Air Patrol cadet. After the ceremony, he posed for pictures, above, with the color guard members. Pictured are: C/2Lt Libby Marking (team trainer), C/SrA Lance Claymore, C/SrA Justin Bierwirth, Governor M. Michael Rounds (former Earhart cadet), the Governor's wife Jean, C/SSgt Angelica Cachro, and C/TSgt Victoria Cachro.

The CAP staff also assisted the decorating crew in getting the Capitol rotunda transformed from ceremony decorations to Capitol Ball decorations. Adult officers who assisted the color guard team were LtCol B.T. Marking and Maj Vickie Marking. Several parents of cadets also attended.

Viking Flag flies over "Orgun-E" Outpost in Afghanistan

Viking Squadron, Minnesota Wing, has supported the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) in Afghanistan with both gift packages and money. The packages were sent directly to the "sappers" in the combat zone and the money to the 27th Engineer Family Support Group at Fort Bragg, NC, where the 27th is based. The engineers are building new roads, repairing old ones, and are conducting civil affairs projects, helping Afghans with buildings for schools, etc.

"Vikings," wrote Lt Col Thomas O'Hara, the Battalion Commander. "You have all gone over and beyond the call of duty and all your efforts are greatly appreciated. It is nice to know that our efforts over here and the herculean efforts of our families back at Ft. Bragg are not being overlooked. Also, tomorrow [07 Dec 06] I will be raising a flag over our Task Force headquarters in Forward Operating Base Orgun-E in honor of the Viking squadron." The flag will be shipped to Minnesota and will be proudly displayed in a walnut flag case on the wall of the Squadron's emergency response center at Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie, MN.



Pabon to Mentor PAOs

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Capt Pabon is nationally known for the quality of his training programs and efforts. He was the 2006 CAP National and NCR PAO of the year as well as holding master ratings in Public Affairs and Recruiting and Retention.

He is also the host/producer of the cable access TV show "CAP Journal"

The region has established a new website

www.ncrpao.org to be the portal for the region's efforts to assist PAO's. There is some content on the site now, such as the pictures taken at the 2006 Region Conference and PA presentations from the region conference and the 2006 CAP National Board. Watch the site for updates.

Commanders and PAO's should watch their in-baskets for the first issue of the "NCR Public Affairs Update" newsletter this month.

2007 Award Opportunities for Cadets Announced

Leading civic organizations, and even the U.S. Congress, recognize the efforts of CAP cadets. Special awards available to cadets are listed on this page. For more information, visit the National Headquarters Special Awards for Cadets web page at:

<http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5360>

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION AWARD TO OUTSTANDING CAP CADETS

An annual award established by the Air Force Association (AFA) to recognize the outstanding CAP cadet in each squadron. Selections will be made by the unit commanders concerned not later than 15 April annually.

AF SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION AWARD TO CAP CADET NCOs OF THE YEAR

An annual award established by the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) to recognize the outstanding CAP cadet NCO in each squadron. Selections will be made by the unit commanders concerned not later than 15 April annually.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

The VFW recognizes outstanding cadet NCOs and cadet officers through special awards. Visit the Special Awards for Cadets web page to view the flyer that VFW produced for CAP.

THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

The U.S. Congress recognizes the initiative, achievement, and voluntary service of youth. Many of the activities cadets complete through CAP may be applied toward this award. The Congressional Award's highest honor, the Congressional Award Gold Medal, is typically awarded in Washington DC by senior leaders from the House and Senate. For full details, see

CAPP 52-5, or visit the Special Awards for Cadets web page.

WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CAP has partnered with the publishers of Who's Who Among American High School Students to provide an outstanding opportunity for cadets, making them eligible for additional college scholarships.

CAP joins other national youth organizations, like the National 4-H Council and Special Olympics, in partnering with Who's Who. CAP will annually nominate all CAP cadets between the ages of 15 and 17 (as of 1 February) to be considered by Who's Who. Because National Headquarters currently does not track a cadet's year in school or their Grade Point Average [GPA], which are required by Who's Who, the nominations that we submit will be followed up by a letter from Who's Who stating additional eligibility requirements.

CAP COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON

Cadets who complete at least 60-hours of community service are eligible for the Community Service Ribbon.

"The single greatest predictor of whether a college student will make community service a priority is whether or not they volunteered in high school." -- American Association of Colleges & Universities. In other words, a cadet's involvement in community service is a key indicator of the attitudes they will have toward service and citizenship as adults.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS

Because the cadet physical fitness test is aligned with the PCPFS fitness test, cadets may be eligible for awards sponsored by the President's Council. For more information, see CAPP 52-18, page 29. Additionally, Squadron Physical Fitness Awards are also available and described in CAPP 52-18.

Civil Air Patrol Announces Scholarships

CAP offers over \$200,000 in scholarships for CAP Cadets and adult Officers who meet eligibility requirements this year.

The program will provide fifteen academic scholarships for use at an accredited college or university and eight flying scholarships (one per region). In addition, scholar-

ships are available from the Airline Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA); The Order of Daedalians; Auburn University; Ginn College of Engineering; Texas A & M University Corp of Cadets; Dowling College, School of Aviation; the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Examples include CAP Cadet Academic Scholarships: 1- \$7500 Award, 2 - \$5000 Awards, 3 - \$2500 Awards, 4 - \$2000 Awards,

and 5 - \$1000 Awards. CAP Cadet Flight Scholarships: 8 (1 per Region) \$2,500 Awards. AOPA Flight Scholarships: 2 - \$2,500 Awards for cadets and 2 - \$2,500 Awards for adults.

Visit the CAP website at www.cap.gov/scholarships for details on eligibility requirements, application procedures, dates, and other scholarship criteria. The application deadline for most of the scholarships is 31 Jan 2007.